Going Deeper At Home

Oct 9: An Open Heart & Lose Grip

It's thanksgiving weekend, that time of year when we are just a little more aware of what we are thankful for. But thankfulness is not just about paying attention to what we have, it's also Jesus' invitation to us to be aware that God is the one who has given us everything we have and then be generous with it.

Scripture:

Luke 12:13 - 21

Going Deeper Questions:

1. What is something you are thankful for? Why are you thankful for this?
2. What is something from the message that stood out to you, was new or challenged you?
3. Respond to the statement "God's generosity leads to thankfulness which leads me to generosity." Is this true or not?
4. Why do you think Jesus gives the warning in verse 15 that we are to "guard against every kind of greed?" How has greed shown up in your life?
5. The rich man assumes that everything he has is a result of his hard work, forgetting that everything he has comes from God. How easy is it for you to fall into the same trap? Why or why not?
6. In verse 17 Jesus points out the rich man neglects to consult his community about his plan to build bigger barns. Why is community so important in decision making? How has our individualism impacted community decision making? How open are you to this kind of process & why?
7. Why does Jesus call the rich man a fool?
8. How does thankfulness to God impact your generosity?
9. What step(s) is the Holy Spirit inviting you to live generously?